Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The State has benefited by his visit without incurring expenditure.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Is it fair on the part of the Government not to sanction any item of expenditure when the State has derived benefit thereby ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The Hon'ble Minister was good enough not to levy any expenditure on the State.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—My question is not that. My question is about the State. As the State has derived benefit, is it justified in making the Minister to spend money from his pocket for the benefit the State has derived ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No doubt it is true that it is part of the State business. He did not go there with that specific objective, but when he went there, it came up and he attended to it. We must thank him for that and when he is willing to bear the cost, I think we may leave it at that.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Will the Government consider the question of paying his out-of-pocket expenses for this tour ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—We will consider that.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Is the Hon'ble Member briefing for the Hon'ble Industries Minister, Sir ?

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Has the Hon'ble Minister furnished his tour notes to Government, Sir ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is not necessary. He did not go on the business scheduled by this Government.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If he claims it, Government will consider it.

Batta to witnesses attending Criminal Courts.

Q.—596. Sri S. SIDDAPPA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they propose to bring in a legislation providing for the payment of batta to private witnesses summoned to attend the courts in criminal cases ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

No legislation is under contemplation in the matter.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬರತಕ್ಕ ಅನೇಕ ಕೇಸುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹಜರಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೋರ್ಟುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿ ಕರೆದಾಗ ಆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಭತ್ಯ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ ಅಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಅನೇಕ ಕಾಲದಿಂದ ಅದೇ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ನಡೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಈಗ 50 ವರ್ಷ 100 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ನಡೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿದಿದೆಯೋ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಹೌದು. ಅದೇ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ನಡೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳು ದಿನೇ ದಿನೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗಿದ್ದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಬೇರೆ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗುತ್ತಾ ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಎಕ್ಸೈಜು ವಗೈರೆ ಅನೇಕ ಕೇಸುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಕೇಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದರೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಗಾರರೇ ಬರಡೆ ಕೇಸು ವಜಾ ಆಗಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಕೆಲವು ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇದನ್ನು ಉತ್ತಮಪಡಿಸಲು ಕೋರ್ಟುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಕೊಡಲು ಬರತಕ್ಕ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಗಾರರಿಗೆ ಭತ್ಯ ದೊರೆಯುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಆಲೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವರೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಅದು ಆಲೋಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

Site at Harobele for constructing a dam across Arkavathi.

Q.—681. Sri S. KARIAPPA (Virupakshapura).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Department of Engineering has very recently discovered a very good site at Harobele in Kanakapura Taluk for construction of a big dam or pick-up at a very cheap cost across the river Arkavathi;

(*b*) the probable extent of atchkat expected ;

(*c*) the probable cost estimated;

(*d*) whether any survey has been conducted ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries) [On behalf of Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works)].—

(*a*) A site is suggested for investigation.

(*b*) About 2,000 acres.

(*c*) Not yet estimated.

(*d*) Not yet.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಆರ್ಕಾವತಿ ನದಿಯು ಅಡ್ಡ ಲಾಗಿ ಒಂದು ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಲು ನಲಹೆ ಮಾಡಿರು ವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ವೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಆಲೋಚಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿನ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Report of the Committee to enquire into causes for the breach of Sangenahalli and Tuppadahalli Tanks.

Q.—705. Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) if the Committee appointed to enquire into the breaches of Sangenahalli and Thuppadahalli tanks, have sent their report ;

(*b*) whether the report will be placed on the Table of the House ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries) [On behalf of Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works)].—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Will this Report be placed before this House for discussion and offering their views ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Copies have been distributed.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Will the members get an opportunity to discuss this report and offer their views ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That will be examined.

Well subsidy in distressed areas.

Q.—749. Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have increased the amount of well subsidy in areas which were subjected to distress conditions in the State ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that certain taluks in Shimoga District were also subject to distress conditions ;

(*c*) if so, the reasons for excluding the said taluks of Shimoga District from the operation of the Government Order enhancing the subsidy ;

(*d*) the steps they have taken to include the said taluks within the purview of the said Government Order after it was brought to the notice of Government in the previous meeting of the Legislative Assembly in January ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries) [On behalf of Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works)].—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The benefit of the enhanced rate of subsidy has since been extended to certain areas noted below in the Shimoga District also :—

I. Honnali Taluk ... All Hoblis.

II. Channagiri Taluk ... Santhebennur Hobli, Basavapatna Hobli, Kasaba Hobli.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*c*).

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—For what period does this concession continue, Sir?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I invite the Hon'ble Member's attention to the G. O. in this behalf dated 30th May 1953. It is said, for 1953-54 this concession will continue. What will be for 1954-55 is yet to be seen.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—In answer to (*c*), it is said : "The benefit of the enhanced rate of subsidy has *since* been extended....."

'Since' ಅಂದರೆ ?